

Reference 27

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Subject: Re: NORCO Facility, Ingleside, Texas

1. Time period of investigation: January 1996 to August 2000.

People and companies involved:

MJP Resources - owner Mike Ward leased tanks from Solfred Maizus to store crude oil as a crude oil gathering facility. According to Craig Santana with Alamo Petroleum Exchange (APE), Ward hired APE to clean up the 11-15-95 MJP Dock pipeline spill and he placed the liquids cleaned up from the spill in two tanks at NORCO.

According to Craig Santana Doug Standerfer represented Maizus and hired Santana to prepare a Spill Response manual for NORCO in 1995-1996 time frame. According to Santana, at that time Ross Hughes and Roy Calloway were operating a recycling operation at NORCO under the company name of Advantage Production or Advantage Services.

Ward gave permission for Gulf Conservation Corporation - owner Jimmy Dupnik to store material in one tank at NORCO. Ward gave Jimmy Dupnik a key and Dupnik stored material in tanks at NORCO. It is thought that the tanks used were Tanks 32 and 33 noted on the facility map. The material was thought to be mineral spirits containing vinyl acetate.

2. I do not know what "Attachment C" is.

3. Vinyl acetate was an indicator of the stream from West Lake Polymers.

4. It is thought that N1 and N2 correlates to tank 32 and 33.

5. The result of the case was that it was declined to be prosecuted by the United State Attorney office, Southern District, Texas. I do not know if the material was removed from the tanks.

6. I do not know if the material spilled was from GCC.

7. There was reference to the MJP Dock spill by Craig Santana as noted above.

I can provide interview reports that are the source of the above noted information if you would like.

>>> Melissa Cordell 10/18/01 04:02PM >>>
 Hi,

Thanks for the reply. Just to let you know, I have put together a summary of events and sample results taken of the NORCO refinery & the MJP dock. This will be submitted to the Governor's for approval or disapproval of this site as a candidate for the National Priorities List. As you can imagine, I must be very thorough in this summary.

I misspoke when I requested a short summary from you. I have additional questions for you. (Also, could you put this in a fresh email, so I can use this in a reference in a report?)

1. What was the time period of the investigation? Who were the people and companies involved (i.e. Richard Bergner and Solfred Maizus from NORCO)? How were they involved?
2. On the facility map, there is an area circled and labeled "Attachment C." What is Attachment C?
3. How did you know to only look for vinyl acetate?
4. Is N1 represented as tank 32 and N2 represented as tank 33 on the facility map?

5. What was the result of the investigation? Were the substances removed from the tanks?
6. In November 1995, there was a pipeline spill from one of the pipelines that Mike Ward of MJP Resources, Inc. was testing. (This is located between Bishop and Sunray, and next to Brown & Root.) Was the material spilled there from GCC?
7. Do your records show any spills at the dock facility?

If I could get copies of your reports, I would greatly appreciate it. If you have any additional information that you believe to be relevant, please let me know.

Thank you,

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Shipments of mineral spirits containing vinyl acetate were transported from West Lake Polymers in Sulfur, Louisiana to GCC in Ingleside. GCC used the two tanks noted on the facility map to store some of this material.